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SUBJ: CCD - SOVIET APPROVAL OF DRAFT ENMOD TEXT

REF: (A) STATE 11700; (B) GENEVA 6160

1. ROSHCHIN (SOVIET CCD REP) CALLED FOR CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AUG. 19 PLENARY MEETING TO INFORM US, ALONG LINES REPORTED REF (A), THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO ENMOD TEXT AND OUR PROPOSAL TO TABLE PARALLEL DRAFTS AT CCD. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED TEXTS COULD BE TABLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLE AS EARLY AS WEDNESDAY, AUG 20, TO PERMIT TIME FOR CCD MEMBERS TO APPROVE TREATY AND SEND IT TO UNGA FOR ENDORSEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT OPENING FOR SIGNATURE.

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2. MARTIN (US) AGREED TEXTS SHOULD BE TABLED AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE, HOWEVER, TO SUGGEST TO THE COMMITTEE THAT CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF TEXT SHOULD BE REACHED BEFORE CONCLUSION OF CURRENT CCD SESSION. HE HELD THAT GOVERNMENTS COULD NOT POSSIBLE BE PREPARED IN ONLY ONE WEEK TO GIVE APPROVAL TO TREATY, THAT BEING ASKED TO DO SO WOULD BE RESENTED, AND THAT THIS COULD DAMAGE PROSPECTS FOR FAVORABLE RECEPTION OF JOINT APPROACH. ROSHCIN SEEMED TO BE UNSURPRISED BY THIS REACTION AND TO RECOGNIZE FUTILITY OF TRYING TO ACHIEVE CCD CONSENSUS BEFORE CLOSE OF SESSION. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONVEY OUR REACTION URGENTLY TO MOSCOW.

3. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT EXPECT SOVIETS TO PRESS FOR CONCLUSION OF TREATY IN ONE WEEK, THEY CLEARLY WANT TO TABLE DRAFT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE IN ORDER TO GIVE THEIR ALLIES OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT FAVORABLE ON TEXT AND THUS GIVE JOINT INITIATIVE BEST POSSIBLE SEND-OFF TO UNGA.

4. US DEL AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO TABLE DRAFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS WOULD GIVE DELEGATIONS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO TEXT, WHICH THEY WOULD APPRECIATE, RATHER THAN CONFRONT THEM WITH LAST-MINUTE TABLING BEFORE CLOSE OF SESSION, WHICH THEY MIGHT REGARD AS EFFORT TO LIMIT DEBATE. AS REPORTED REF (B), OUR CONTRACTS WITH NATO CCD MEMBERS INDICATE THAT NONE OF OUR ALLIES WOULD REQUIRE OR EXPECT MORE THAN SIMPLE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF OUR INTENTION TO TABLE ON SPECIFIC DATE. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND TABLING TEXTS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.DALE

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